

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2022  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on January 3, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Sam Stine, John Bonkoske, Vince Rose, Stacy Stine, Pam Hahaj, Georgia Gipson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Jan Trapani

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Police Chief Unruh, Parks Director Ball, Building Official Mattner, Attorney Senica, Assessor Baumann, DPS Director Kading

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Mayor** Rose would like to amend the agenda to change the amount of bills to pay from \$25,852.86 to \$192,913.02 which includes the check run from the council meeting that was cancelled December 20, 2021.

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the agenda for January 3, 2022, as amended, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Corridor Improvement Authority Tax Increment Financing Plan #2 (covering the period 2022 to 2031)**

**Mayor** Rose opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Corridor Improvement Authority Chair Hannah Anderson explained that this plan was done in house because the board did not receive the grant they applied for. She complimented Ganum and the city staff for helping to get the plan completed. The information included in the plan relied quite a bit on the survey that was done earlier in 2021. She explained several of the projects that were completed last year along with a few that are planned for this year.

Josephine Dewey, who owns property along Red Arrow Highway, asked Anderson what the board has planned near exit 16 and if anything is going to be done with the property on Red Arrow Highway containing piles of dirt.

Anderson explained that flowers and/or trees could be planted in the tree lawns along Red Arrow Highway. The board is also going to take a look at all the properties along Red Arrow to see how some properties can be cleaned up under the current ordinances. The underpass at exit 16 may potentially be painted as well.

Mayor Rose closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021, regular meeting and the December 17, 2021 special meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$192,913.02, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to adopt **Resolution 2022-01 City of Bridgman Poverty Exemption Eligibility Requirements for 2022, voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to reappoint James Kole to the Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2022, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

##### **Parks and Recreation Director's Annual Report for 2021**

Ball went through the information included in the council packet and went over some of the highlights:

- Reservations for the campgrounds began on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In the last two days there has been \$58,450 received in reservations for this upcoming season. Cabin rentals have really gone up and are already completely booked for every weekend this year. She is looking at possibly building a few more cabins in the next few years.
- The hike in contractual services for 2021 was due to paying Triple D for the retaining wall project.
- Beach house rentals are thriving with the new pay structure.
- There were issues with the ice vendor this year so she will be looking into getting a different vendor next year.
- The boat ramp numbers were down but that was due to the fact that the ramp was closed for a couple of months.
- Printing and advertising costs were down by printing more in house.
- Souvenirs were up with new tee shirt designs and more souvenirs being offered. She is working on a new tee shirt design for this year that she will share with council to get their feedback.
- Daily passes were down this year because of the weather and the number of red flag days. Last year the number of passes were so high due to the fact that the surrounding beaches in Indiana were closed because of COVID.

Ganum introduced Jesse Zawacki and Victor Senffner with Total Parking Solutions (TPS) who joined the meeting via zoom. They went over a few highlights of their company and explained the kiosk that the city is looking into for Weko Beach.

- Total Parking Solutions was established in 2005 and provides services for over 75 municipalities, 5 universities, and 7 parking operators.

- The kiosks are ADA compliant, operates by a wireless connection, easy to access and maintain, very secure, hold up in all weather conditions, and explained the different options on how to use this machine.
- The service and maintenance contract is included for the first year with the purchase of the kiosk. After the first year, an agreement will need to be purchased annually.
- The city will need to collaborate with the police department to figure out which system would be best to both use and enforce.
- They recommend starting with 2 or 3 kiosks at Weko Beach depending on the flow of vehicles. More can be purchased down the road. Visitors can also pay using an app that can be downloaded on to their phone or tablets.
- This kiosk machine can be customized to do anything such as kayak rentals and boat ramp passes in addition to parking passes.
- They will schedule a time to come down to Weko Beach to do a field test that will check the network connections to make sure that this equipment will work properly and efficiently.

### **Director of Public Services November 2021 Report**

More service and repairs are being done in house to save money. One DPS employee uses his own diagnostic tool that is aging so the city is looking into purchasing a new diagnostic tool.

### **City Attorney's Report (verbal)**

She is going to be keeping a close eye on the legislatures to see if they bring the Short-term Rental bill back into legislation. The House did not listen before, but the Senate did.

### **City Manager's Report**

In addition to Ganum's report, he spoke on the following:

- A local resident, Candy Schwardron gifted the city a picture of a sunset at Weko Beach. He is deeply appreciative, and it will be displayed in the lobby area and moved around.
- He reintroduced Parker Cote who has attended several city council meetings in the past and is interested in pursuing a career as a city manager. He is currently attending Hope College and Ganum has been trying to have him as an intern at City Hall. Due to COVID, this has been difficult to do, and he will try to have him come in this summer. Cote was able to come in for a couple of days last week to shadow him.
- He thanked Julie Strating for being instrumental in coordinating the Holiday Village. When the strong winds came in the day before the event, she acted very swiftly to make sure it still went off behind the scenes. He thanked her for all that she did.
  - Strating thanked Ganum and the city for all of the support and financial support it took to make Holiday Village happen. She is really proud of what was accomplished under the circumstances. She thanked Parks Director Ball for allowing the concert to be moved to the beach house that night.
- He is going to invite Jordan Klint, Matt Schmidt, and Planning Commission Chair Mark Hurray to an upcoming council meeting to have a discussion on affordable housing in Bridgman and the City's Zoning Ordinances.
- The audit was included in the packet to allow ample time to review. The auditors will do a presentation at either the next council meeting or the first meeting in February. If council has any questions, they can send them his way ahead of the formal presentation.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library Director – Encouraged everyone to look at the library’s website and Facebook page for updates on upcoming programs and shared information on a program that will be held next week.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Member Stacy Stine – The last remaining petition for the revetment was denied by EGLE.
- Member Bonkoske – He added to Member Stine’s comment that this is a victory. The caveat though is that nine of the homeowners that were denied have hired an attorney twice over to fight this. In hearing from a local group on this matter, if the denials were ever overturned, it would look bad for EGLE.
- Mayor Rose – With Parker Cote’s interest in government and spending three days with Ganum, he asked the council if the city could pay him a little bit of money for his effort and service. He suggested \$250. Member Bonkoske agreed, thanked Parker and told him he should make sure and include this on his resume. Attorney Senica explained that the City could do a stipend for him for lets say \$200 with the approval by the CPA to do it in the right format.

**Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske, seconded by Council Member Gipson to pay Parker Cote \$200, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk